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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawing includes changes to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

The objection to the drawings regarding numerals 9, 16, 28, 30 and 32 has been addressed. Applicants cannot agree that the second flange of Claim 7 is not illustrated, that flange being described by numeral 36.

Although applicants traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the attached Terminal Disclaimer moots this issue.

The rejection of Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 is deemed moot or at least overcome with the foregoing amendments.

The rejections of Claim 1 as being anticipated by Genma et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), of Claims 1-5 as being anticipated by DE '021 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and of Claim 2 as being unpatentable over Genma et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are also deemed moot with the amendment to Claim 1 which includes Claim 6 as well as the subject matter of Claims 2-5.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

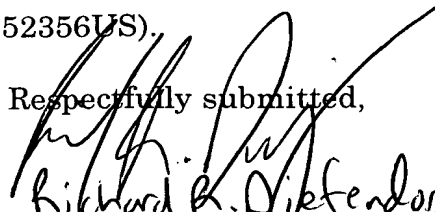
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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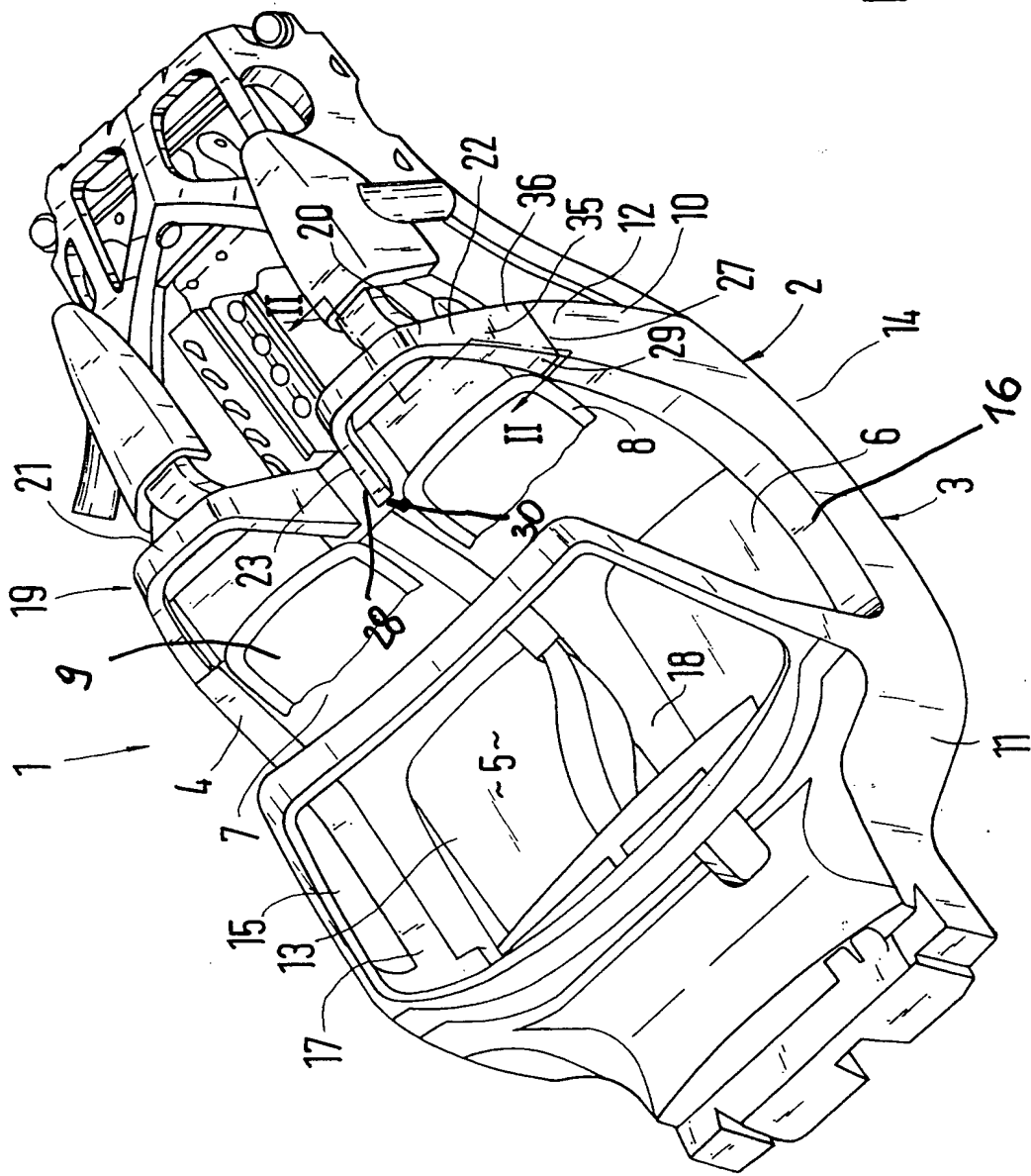


Fig.1

